P 1021 15Z JAN 79 1 JAH 79 03 1 1 2 X MEXICO CITY (89-25) (P) 3P RECEIVED FEDERAL BUREAU DI RECT OR (89-4286) PR IOR ATTUMENT ON LATION ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED Herein is unclassified UNCLAS E F T O RY MUR. REMEXTEL, DECEMBER 26, 1978 AND SAN FRANCISCO AIRTEL W ITH THREE COPIES OF A GRAND JURY SUBPOENA TO BE SERVED IN PANAMA DATED DECEMBER 7, 1978. (W) REMEXTEL ADVISED THE BUREAU THAT U.S. EMBASSY / PANAMA OFFICIALS HAD ADVISED LEGAT, MEXICO CITY THAT THE CRIMINAL DIVISION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (USDOJ), WASHINGTON, D.C., HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH PANAMANIAN OFFICIALS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN INFORMATION AND FREEZE THE BANK ACCOUNTS AT THE UNION BANK OF SWITZERLAND (UBS) IN CAPTIONED MATTER! PRIOR TO THE ABOVE INFORMATION, LEGAT, MEXICO CITY W AS IN RECEIPT OF BUTEL DATED DECEMBER 8, 1978, WHEREIN SAN FRANCISCO HAD ADVISED OF THE BANK ACCOUNTS AT THE UBS IN PANAMA AND REQUESTED THAT LEGAT, MEXICO CITY

IDENTIFY, LOCATE ASSETS AND THE STATUS OF THE ACCOUNTS

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THROUGH LIAISON, REQUESTED HIGH OFFICIAL IN THE PANAMANIAN

GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT THE LOGICAL INVESTIGATION. BY TELETYPE

DATED DECEMBER 21, 1978, THE BUREAU ADVISED THAT LEGAT, BERN

HAD ASCERTAINED THAT THE THREE ACCOUNTS WERE NOT LOCATED AT

THE UBS IN SWITZERLAND, BUT WERE PRESUMED TO BE IN PANAMA.

MEXICO CITY WAS REQUESTED IN THAT TELETYPE TO DETERMINE IF

A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX WAS ALSO LOCATED AT THE UBS IN PANAMA.

IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, THERE IS SOME UNCERTAINTY

AS TO WHETHER BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED IN BUTEL OF

DECEMBER 8, 1978 HAVE BEEN AMENDED OR RECINDED WITH REGARD

TO THE HANDLING OF LEADS IN PANAMA IN CAPTIONED MATTER.

IN ADDITION, REFERENCED AIRTEL WAS FORWARDED BY THE BUREAU AND

CALLS FOR SERVICE IN PANAMA OF AN ENCLOSED GRAND JURY SUBPOENA.

THE FORCE AND EFFECT IN PANAMA OF A SUBPOENA ISSUED IN THE

UNITED STATES IS UNKNOWN TO THIS OFFICE. IT WOULD QUITE

PROBABLY DEPEND ON THE TERMS OF ANY FORMAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN

THE TWO COUNTRIES DEALING WITH JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE. LIKE

EXTRADITION, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY SUCH FORMAL AGREEMENT

SHOULD PROBABLY BE HANDLED THROUGH THE STATE DEPARTMENT

PAGE THREE MEX 89-25 UNCLAS E F T O AND THE EMBASSY IN PANAMA CITY.

BUREAU ADVICE WILL BE APPRECIATED. UACB, NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN IN PANAMA UNTIL ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS ARE RECEIVED (W)

ARMED AND DANGEROUS; SUICIDAL TENDENCIES. /W/
ADMINISTRATIVE; W

BUREAU REQUESTED TO FURNISH THE ABOVE TO SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (89-25 Ø) BY TELETYPE.